



In re application of:

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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002 (Paper Number 13) ("Office Action"), Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please **delete** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, immediately following the title and **replace** it with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 09/521,640, filed March 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 09/421,106, filed October 15, 1999; this application also claims priority to U.S. patent application 60/130,465, filed April 22, 1999.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please **cancel** non-elected claims 4, 8, and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.